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Happy 62nd Birthday to the USAF

Air Force birthday is an opportunity to recognize 62 years of success

By Gen. Arthur J. Lichte

Air Mobility Command Commander

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — On Sept. 18, 1947, our Air Force became a separate branch of the military. Since then our unequalled accomplishments have helped provide a beacon of hope for men, women, and children all over the world.

Throughout our command's rich history, we have evolved from Air Transportation Command to

Air Mobility Command, which now encompasses airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation, and everything required to support these core competencies. During this transition, the United States Air Force and its mobility component have played a vital role in our Nation's defense and to providing relief to those in need around the world.

The Air Force's birthday is an ideal time to celebrate this heritage and the people that have

made and continue to make it all possible. During the Berlin Airlift, our veteran Airmen delivered 2.2 million tons of cargo to a city desperately in need. Today, our AMC, AFRC, and ANG Airmen continue this honorable tradition as they work together to achieve unprecedented results around the globe.

Our success does come at a price as evidenced by the many sacrifices of our Airmen and their families. While our people work

long hours and endure time away from home, their families remain steadfast in providing unyielding support and care for our personnel as they make history every day.

Every member is vital to the continued success of the Air Force and AMC. Commanders and supervisors must continue to promote safety awareness and accident prevention. It is imperative that everyone be a good wingman to family and friends. Many of the Airmen who are no

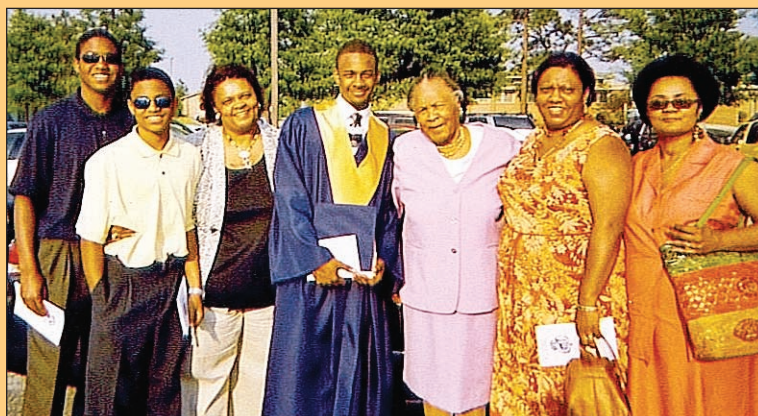
longer with us might still be alive today had a friend or loved one intervened in their time of need.

Take time on Sept. 18 to remember and recognize the superior contributions our Air Force has made to this great nation. Also take time to remember the sacrifices that Airmen and their families have made to found the freedoms that we enjoy today. For that, I am honored and thankful to be among you wearing the Air Force uniform.

In loving memory of

Airman 1st Class Jeremy Scott Melvin

July 12, 1988 to Aug. 28, 2009



COURTESY PHOTOS

A funeral service will be held Saturday for Airman 1st Class Jeremy Melvin, 43rd Operations Support Squadron. The Service is at the Greater First Baptist Church in South Fayetteville. Uniform for the funeral is Service Dress. Airman Melvin was an Airfield Management Operations Coordinator.

"We mourn the loss of a dedicated warrior, professional Airman and respected fellow citizen. We will always be glad for the time we shared. His family will remain in our thoughts and prayers."

— Colonel James Johnson
43rd Airlift Wing, Commander

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Pope Olympics Registration

The Contest is Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning with the Torch Run. All personnel interested in participating must complete an entry form and return it to the Fitness Center or via e-mail by Monday.

DUI tracker

DUI tracking is current as of Wednesday

Days since last DUI	.45
2009	.4
DUIs for 2008	.20
AADD Saves	
This week	.6
This year	.223



For a free, anonymous ride home midnight to 6 a.m. Friday to Sunday, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 394-AADD.

Coining Pope's Finest:

Each week Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, highlights an outstanding Airman



(Above) Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, presents Master Sgt. Eric Bezue, 43rd AW, his Commander's Coin, Tuesday.

(Left) Master Sgt. Eric Bezue, 43rd Airlift Wing, raises the flag at the Lt. Joseph R. Sarnoski Parade Field outside the 43rd AW Headquarters Building Tuesday.

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, presented his Commander's Coin to Master Sgt. Eric Bezue, 43rd AW, for his exceptional performance beyond the call of duty.

Sergeant Bezue is the Superintendent of Wing Protocol office and provides guidance on procedures and etiquette to Team Pope. He coordinates visits, changes of command, retirements and numerous other ceremonies.

Sergeant Bezue's exemplary job performance has been highlighted during several recent events, including

visits from First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the 18th Air Force Commander. In addition to coordinating every aspect of these official visits, Sergeant Bezue consistently provides a professional image of Pope to these world leaders.

Sergeant Bezue is also well known as the "go-to" consultant for the 43rd AW on issues ranging from ceremonial standards and procedures to proper seating and scripts for special events. When Team Pope looks good, it is likely that Sergeant Bezue's hard work and dedication is involved.

Off duty, Sergeant Bezue is involved with many activities of the Manna Church in Fayetteville. He said, "attending church is a great way to relax after a hard week in Protocol." Sergeant Bezue enjoys playing and watching a variety of sports. He is also a fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

After deploying this fall, he plans to complete his current enlistment and retire after 24 years of active duty service. Sergeant Bezue intends to complete his college degree and drastically increase his leisure time after retiring.

Commander's Helpline

The Commander's Helpline is your direct link to Col. James C. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander.

If you have worked through normal channels and aren't satisfied, Helplines are an opportunity to ask questions, compliment someone or make suggestions. You must include a name and phone number for a response.

Helplines of general interest will be published in the Carolina Flyer, others will be answered by letter or phone call.

Remember, the most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the responsible office or follow your chain of command. You can call the Commander's Helpline at 394-4357 or e-mail to commanders.helpline@pope.af.mil.



Helpful numbers

Emergency (Base Phone/home phone)	..... 911
Cell Phone	..... 394-0911
Law Enforcement Desk	..... 394-2800/2808
Helping Hand Hot line	..... 394-2777
Crime Stop	..... 394-4111
Pope Clinic	..... 394-4258
Pass and Registration	..... 394-2694
Security Force	..... 394-2800
Legal Office	..... 394-2341
Chapel	..... 394-2677
Military Personnel Flight	..... 394-2276
Pope Club, collocated	..... 497-4031
TRICARE Customer Service	..... 1-877-TRI-CARE
Civil Engineers	..... 394-2821
Inspector General	..... 394-2302
Family Support Center	..... 394-2538
Child Development Center	..... 394-4323
Kitty Hawk Inn Dining Facility	..... 394-4377
Housing Management	..... 394-4867
Bowling Center	..... 394-2891
Fitness Center	..... 394-2671
Finance (Military Pay)	..... 394-1410/1412
AAFES Shoppette	..... 497-8181
Public Affairs	..... 394-4183
Pope/Ft Bragg American Red Cross	..... 396-1231/877-272-7337

The Legacy Of Sept. 11, 2001

Maj. Michael Estira
43rd Logistics Readiness
Squadron, Commander

My son is almost 13 now. He was just 5 years old when the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, unfolded. Curious by nature, he has asked so many questions over the course of the years. "Why does everybody talk about 9/11 all the time? Why did they attack innocent people? Why can't we be friends with one another? Why can't there be peace amongst nations?"

I try hard to answer. It has been eight years since the tragic attack. Like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, everyone knows where they were and what they were doing when they heard about the horrifying terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

In total 2,993 people, including the terrorists, died in the attacks. The overwhelming majority of casualties were civilians, including nationals of more than 90 countries. We could relive the horror, but it is not the right thing to do. What we should do is relive the positive outcomes of this tragedy.

The events on 9/11 brought this nation together. Whether it was to mourn

with the families of victims, acknowledge the heroics of policemen, firemen, medics and especially the passengers and flight crew members of United Airlines Flight 93, or to assist in rescue operations, we, as a nation, came together.

The realization that what happened on 9/11 affected not only the streets of New York and the hallways of the Pentagon, but affected all of us. We were attacked and together we responded – that was the miracle after the tragedy, the calm after the storm, and the light in the darkness. The immediate response to the attacks proved that, with a common purpose and initiative, we as a nation can come together to achieve a common goal.

But does it take a horrific attack to realize that we can do such a thing? No, it doesn't. We should be able to come together at anytime. I hope that we recognized that and took it to heart – we are not called the United States of America for nothing.

After eight years, it seems that we have moved on and have extracted our so-called revenge. The tragedy of 9/11 wasn't like a natural disaster. It was man made. Some people who hated Americans set out to harm us, and they succeeded. We have come a long way to make amends with our adversaries, even paying the ultimate sacrifice

to achieve peace. Now is the time to make peace so that the 9/11 tragedy will never see a reincarnation.

Peace will never be achieved if we don't reach out to our adversaries. It will be achieved when both sides take the time to fully know each other and understand why each have their own beliefs.

Let 9/11 be an example of what happens when prejudice affects our worldview. Do not let the victims die in vain and do not let another act of hatred occur again. Let us reach out to our brothers and sisters in the world because they are just like us, longing for unity and harmony.

On Sept. 11, 2001, we were attacked, but do not let the horrors of that day be its legacy. Let us learn from the tragedy and let our newly learned lessons be its legacy.

I hope that the tragic events of 9/11 cause a movement for unity and peace, not just between us and our adversaries, but for the whole world. Let the legacy of 9/11 become a stepping stone toward unity ... first it united a nation, then it united two cultures, and finally it united the world.

As my son grows older, he will soon find the answers to his questions as he will be living through this legacy for the rest of his life.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN MINDY BLOEM

Pope Senior Airman wins big

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, and Col. Willie Cooper, 440th Maintenance Group Commander, congratulate Senior Airman Thomas Walton, 440th MXG, on winning this year's MatchUp grand prize of \$10,000. Six other Team Pope members won cash prizes. The \$500 winner is Master Sgt. James Koch, 43rd Comptroller Squadron. The five \$100 winners are Robert Gardner, 43rd Security Forces Squadron; Aurelia Perkins; Derek Lohse; Staff Sgt. Carl Ybarra, 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; and Senior Airman Nadia Snider, 43rd SFS.

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Wing Climate Assessment survey begins Oct. 1

By Larry Sullivan
43rd Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity Office

The new 43rd Airlift Wing Climate Assessment begins Oct. 1.

Since commanders are very interested in the morale and perceptions of the personnel under their command, the climate assessment survey acts as a tool for commanders to gauge human relations elements within their wing.

All installation assigned personnel, military and civilian appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund employees have an opportunity to take this survey, express their concerns and views and therefore be an integral part of the success of their wing.

These climate assessment surveys are used to get a feel for how things are going throughout the wing. The same rules apply in terms of survey

questions, anonymity, rules of engagement, method of survey, and process of analysis and assessments.

The following statements are concerns people have expressed when it comes to taking these surveys:

*The boss will know what I said. **False.***

The boss does not receive names of individuals who take this survey.

*They can figure out who took the survey. **False.***

No one, including the commander, has access to any data that reveals the identity of the person taking the survey. No names are requested or made a part of the survey. Personal identification is not made a part of the survey.

They will know who I

*am by the demographic information. **False.***

The demographics are designed to prevent identification. The reason for demographics is to determine demographic groupings (i.e., race, gender, rank). A grouping must be larger than five people in order for the survey to note the number surveyed.

For example, if there are five people of one racial group in the unit, the survey will automatically mask the number of people from that racial group from being displayed in the survey by the group.

However, the grouping will be a part of the overall survey number, but there is no way for anyone to determine who (by race, gender or rank) took the survey or how a particular question was answered.

Answers are factored into the overall pie chart in a final report which includes all responses. No

individual response is linked to a particular individual.

*They will know I took the survey by my password to the survey. **False.***

Everyone has the same password and accesses the Internet link to take the survey. The survey can be accessed at work or from home.

The survey is controlled through a database maintained at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. DEOMI cannot be contacted to see who answered what question. All information is kept confidential.

The commander's intent for the survey is complete honesty from his personnel. Leadership strives to ensure the work environment is conducive to mission accomplishment without the burden of discrimination or

harassment.

The UCA final report is provided to the commander only and he decides who else should read the report. The commander then determines when and how the results of the survey are presented to Wing personnel.

Normally, a general overview of the results are presented; however, the amount of detail presented is the commander's decision. For the sake of anonymity, the equal opportunity staff usually recommends a general overview of the entire survey as opposed to specific comments. Maintaining anonymity of the survey is critical to the credibility of the process. Commanders take the survey seriously since it gives them a picture of the stability of their organization.

I just took a Climate Assessment Survey. Why do

I need to take another one?

Some squadrons recently conducted Unit Climate Assessments, but those surveys differ in perspective. This survey looks the same, but the focus is on the wing as a whole.

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, is interested in the human relations climate on our base, especially due to actions concerning the Base Realignment. He encourages everyone to be honest and voice concerns. It is extremely important for all military and civilian employees to address their concerns and make them known.

The survey begins Oct. 1 and lasts for one month.

The survey is for all active duty military and civilians (including NAF) on base.

For more information, call 394-2273/2274/4490 and speak with an Equal Opportunity staff member.

Polished runner gears up for another race

First sergeant prepares to compete in upcoming Air Force Marathon



Master Sgt. Roy King, 43rd Force Support Squadron, prepares for the upcoming Air Force Marathon by running on the track at the Pope Fitness Center Sept. 4.

Story and photo by Senior Airman Mindy Bloem
Staff writer

It's not about the thrill of the competition, the shouts from the crowd or even the hoopla that comes afterward. It boils down to one moment — one defining second that keeps him coming back year after year. It's the feeling of accomplishment that rushes over him when his feet finally cross that envisioned ending ... the finish line.

For Master Sgt. Roy King, the 43rd Force Support Squadron's first sergeant, participating in marathons is, in most respects, its own reward.

"I don't consider myself to be a competitive runner," he said. "I don't think I'm fast enough to be an elite runner, but when I cross the finish line, it gives me the feeling that I've done something no one else can do. I think everyone has the ability to do it, but I don't think everyone has the discipline to do it. So that's the challenge — not the physical stamina it takes to do a marathon, but the mental discipline it takes to prepare yourself for it."

In 2002, while Sergeant King was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, he began competing in a lot of the fun runs and 5K runs the base would host. He noticed he could run with ease and usually finish with the top runners, and it was then he began to seriously consider running in marathons.

While he was stationed at Izmir Air Station, Turkey in 2005, he began training for the Air Force Marathon, and in September of 2007, that goal came to fruition.

On race day, Sergeant King was just hoping his hard work

and preparation would pay off.

"I had concerns that I wasn't ready, but once it started, and I felt the adrenaline from the crowd and the other competitors who were there, I was amazed that an hour and a half after it was all over, I could have kept running for hours," he said.

Sergeant King plans to compete in three half marathons (13.1 miles) this year: The Air Force Marathon Sept. 19 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Antonio this November, and the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in Las Vegas this December.

All of these races are leading up to his first full marathon (26.2 miles) of the new year in Miami Beach this coming January.

These marathons are laying the groundwork for what Sergeant King deems the most prestigious marathon in the world: The Boston Marathon.

The Boston Marathon, which is hosted every April, is his ultimate goal. He will need a run time of 3:20 or better at the Miami Beach Marathon to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

"Sergeant King is a very dedicated person when it comes to preparing for a marathon," said Senior Airman Christian Pagan, 43rd FSS. "For the past few months he has been coming to the Fitness Center at 5:30 a.m. to train. While he is training, he looks for people who might be interested in participating in the marathon or in improving their running skills."

"Sergeant King is a good physical readiness motivator and has no problem giving some of his time to help people improve on their physical readiness condition. Those are the types of leaders that



we need in today's Air Force."

Part of the reason Sergeant King is running one race after another is to keep up his momentum through constant training.

"You have to keep yourself going because if you take a break it is going to be even harder to get yourself back into it," he said.

The training regiment Sergeant King undergoes is no easy task.

Four days out of the week he runs 5 miles, 4 miles, 3 miles and 8 miles respectively. He then increases the miles he runs each week. On these days, he also implements resistance training into his workouts.

Two days a week he does cross-training, such as yoga or spin class and lower body strength training. He allows one day for rest and recuperation.

He said he hasn't prepared as much as he would have liked for the upcoming Air Force Marathon. He just wants to finish in a respectable time and relatively injury free.

The Air Force Marathon is his favorite race because of the military camaraderie he feels with the other runners, and he wants to be there to help his

fellow Pope Airman achieve their goals this year, he said.

Besides Sergeant King, eight other Pope members plan to compete in the Air Force Marathon Sept. 19.

Sergeant King encourages anyone who is thinking about competing in marathons to get with people who have done it before and can offer advice to help them train. He also emphasizes finding the right shoes, which he says, "makes all the difference in the world."

But most of all, he recommends competing in marathons simply for the pride one feels after completing such a race.

"Running is such an individual sport that your competition is yourself," Sergeant King said. "When you're running a marathon, you are not focusing on everyone else. You are listening to your body and on how you can improve because you are your own competition."

"I see folks out there competing who could be my grandmother, and these folks are not competing at a snail's pace; they are challenging me, so I plan to run into my later years. I am going to run until I can't run anymore."

Pope talks

By Senior Airman
Mindy Bloem
Staff writer

Where were you on
Sept. 11, 2001?



"I was getting ready for my college classes that day when I saw it on the television."

— Staff Sgt.
Shaun Moore
43rd Aeromedical
Evacuation Squadron



"I was working the gate at Hurlburt Field."

— Staff Sgt.
Jennifer Pounds
43rd Security Forces
Squadron



"I was getting ready for class in California my senior year of high school."

— Staff Sgt.
Nick Gealogo
43rd Communications
Squadron



"I was at basic training during Warrior Week. Our Training Instructors gathered everyone up and ushered us back to the dormitories."

— Staff Sgt. Jason
Arends
43rd Force Support
Squadron



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. CAMMIE QUINN

Left to right: Senior Airman Drew Brandenburg, Airman 1st Class Curtis Whited and Airman 1st Class Richard Pilarca, all members of the 3rd Aerial Port Squadron, participate in a school clean-up project at the Pope Elementary School Sept. 4. Members from 3rd APS moved furniture from a storage building to the basement, relocated janitorial supplies and painted the school's gym.



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ALS Challenge
Plaque Program

Airman 1st Class Justin Brown, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, participates in a landscaping project with Pope's Air Force Sergeants Association Aug. 30. The members from Chapter 367 AFSA began work at 8 a.m. The building's appearance improved immediately as members pruned overgrown bushes, replaced rotted trimming with fresh wood and gave the entire perimeter a fresh coat of paint. The sidewalks were edged and a piece of siding was placed along the sidewalk to keep the soil from washing away during heavy rains. The entire project was part of the Airman Leadership School Challenge Plaque program, in which private organizations come together to help create an environment that enhances learning. The AFSA took that challenge and put forth a team effort as the group gave the building a new appearance.

News

Editor's note: To maintain the newsworthiness and timeliness of the Carolina Flyer, briefs will run for a maximum of four weeks or until the event occurs, whichever comes first. If there's a need to extend the publication of the brief, call the editor at 394-1723.

■ Family Care Plan:

An Air Force IMT Form 357 is required to be maintained on all personnel who require a family care plan. Individuals must designate a short-term provider, a long-term provider and a temporary custodian. This is the most important phase of your family care planning. The person selected should be someone who is trusted with your child/family member's life. If a family member becomes seriously ill or is injured, the designee may have to make life and death decisions without consulting the parent. The person selected must be 21 years of age or older.

■ **Clothing Sales:** The Air Force and Army Military Clothing Sales stores consolidate Tuesday, moving the Pope location to the Military Clothing Store on Fort Bragg, located in the Mini Mall off Reilly Road. The new hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The consolidation is a result of Base Realignment and Closure adjustments taking place between the installations. The move allows AAFES to improve the stock assortment as well as continue offering Air Force items for customers and to increase the hours of operation.

■ **Pope Olympics Registration:** The Pope Olympics Contest is Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning with the Torch

Run. All personnel interested in participating must complete an entry form and return it to the Fitness Center or via e-mail by Monday.

■ **Hearts Apart:** If your Air Force spouse is deployed, on a temporary or remote assignment, attend this month's Hearts Apart luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Childcare funds are available. For reservations, call the A&FRC at 394-2538.

■ AFOSI Recruitment:

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is looking for motivated NCOs and officers to join the force of elite federal agents. Anyone looking for a career in law enforcement should attend the OSI recruitment brief at 1 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Family Center Building auditorium. For more information, call 394-4264.

■ Save a Life Tour:

Pope's active duty and Reservists are invited to a Save a Life tour from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 23 for members between the ages of 18 to 24 in Hangar 4. A DUI simulator will be available which demonstrates the effects alcohol can have on motorists under its influence. For more information, call 394-8395.

■ **Youth Group:** The Pope chapel is having a Protestant youth group beginning Sunday at 6 p.m. in the chapel annex. Youth ages 12 to 17 can sign up by calling Robert Linebarger at 394-1356 or by sending an e-mail to robert.linebarger@pope.af.mil.

■ Dress, Appearance:

Functional clothing items such as parkas, protective footwear, specialized winter flight clothing will be issued as required. MAJCOM

or installation commanders will prescribe wear instructions in supplements to this directive. See AFI36-2903.

■ Resume Workshop:

A resume workshop, designed to teach people how to create an effective resume and prepare for an interview, is Sept. 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. This class also discusses what information to include in the resume, which format to use, what to wear for the interview and what type of questions are asked during interviews. Registration is required. To reserve a seat, call 394-2538.

■ Volunteer Opportunity:

The Western Harnett High School Marching Eagles is hosting a band competition Oct. 3. Volunteers (runners, escorts, equipment drivers) are needed to help make this event successful for local area school bands. The event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 9 p.m. If interested in participating, call Master Sgt. Jana Manning at (919) 499-1709 or Sabrina Drew at 919-842-5392.

■ Thrift Shop:

The Pope Thrift Shop is located in building 357, next to the base library. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Personnel with access to Pope may shop at the store. Consignments are accepted from Department of Defense identification card holders regardless of rank or branch of service, both active duty and retired. For more information, call 394-2427.

■ **FAP:** The Family Advocacy Program offers education and support services tools for building healthy family relationships. They offer a wide-range of classes. Most classes are voluntary, self-referred and offered on a rotating basis. For more information or to register for classes, call 394-4700.

62nd Annual Air Force Ball

Celebrating the past...

Serving the future.

Please join us for an eventful night as we celebrate the 62nd birthday of the Air Force at the Fort Bragg Officer's Club on 19 September 2009 @ 1730

Tickets are \$35.00 per person
Please contact your Unit Representative
NLT 11 September 2009 to purchase

Dinner will include Filet Mignon & Chicken Marsala with Sautéed Squash & Zucchini, Rice Pilaf, Apple or Peach Cobbler and Salad
(Vegetarian Lasagna available upon request)

Dress Code is as follows:
Officers- Mess Dress
Enlisted- Mess Dress or Semi-Formal
Civilians- Formal or Semi-Formal

For more information please contact Capt Laquanis Hooker
910-394-2155/2745



Around the Air Force



Around the Air Force
You can submit your photo to the *Carolina Flyer* at carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil or by calling 394-4185.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN CHRISTOPHER BUSH

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam

An F-22 Raptor from the 525th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron takes off Aug. 25, 2009, from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The F-22 is deployed from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, to support U.S. Pacific Command's theater security package in the Asia-Pacific region.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JOCELYN RICH

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany

A member from the 86th Munitions Squadron removes the guidance control section of an AGM-65 Maverick missile system for upgrades Aug. 11, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. By July 2011, more than 2,000 AGM-65 Maverick H and K models will have been updated across the Air Force, saving the Air Force \$42.8 million.



PHOTO BY CAPT. ANDREW HOSKINSON

Federated States of Micronesia

Chuukese children play while members of the Humanitarian Assistance Rapid Response Team work together to construct medical tents during a validation exercise Sept. 2 on Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia. The HARRT is the Air Force's new expeditionary medical capability designed to deploy within 24 hours of notice during disaster relief operations. During the deployment, the team will treat 350 to 500 Chuukese patients per day.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MICHAEL B. KELLER

Afghanistan

Senior Airman Bryce Kester inspects pallets of cargo that will be dropped from a C-17 Globemaster III Aug. 27, to a forward operating base in Afghanistan. Airman Kester is a loadmaster from the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, deployed from McCord Air Force Base, Wash.

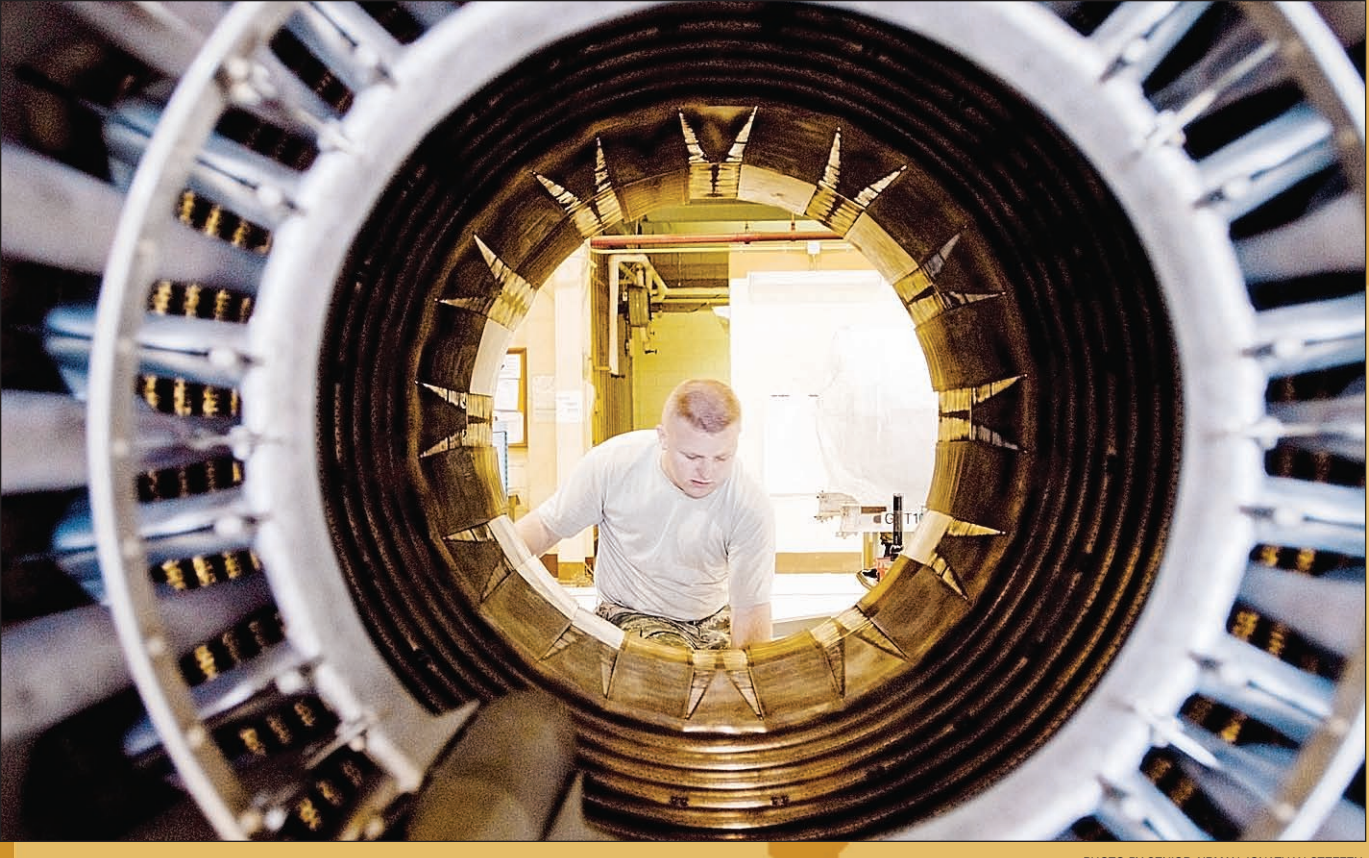


PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN STEFFEN

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea

Senior Airman Chace Eck checks out an F-16 Fighting Falcon engine Sept. 2, at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. Airman Eck is an aerospace propulsion journeyman assigned to the 18th Maintenance Squadron.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. CHARLES LARSON SR.

Southwest Asia

Airman 1st Class Marequis Killebrew checks for leaks on a KC-10 Extender engine Aug. 29, at an air base in Southwest Asia. Airman Killebrew is assigned to the 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron and is deployed from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Pope CDC earns accreditation

The Pope Child Development Center recently earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children — the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Vicky Haskins, Family Services flight chief. "NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."

To earn NAEYC accreditation, the Child Development Center went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the 10 NAEYC Early Child-

hood Program standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The program received NAEYC accreditation after an assessor's site visit to ensure the program met each of the 10 program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits in the first five years of the accreditation process. In the 23 years since NAEYC accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education.

Almost 8,000 programs, serving one million young children, are currently accredited by NAEYC — approximately eight percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

"The NAEYC accreditation system raises the bar for preschools, child care centers and other early

childhood programs," said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., executive director of NAEYC. "Child Development Center's NAEYC accreditation is a sign it is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education and to help give all children a better start."

The NAEYC accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985.

In September 2006, the association revised program standards and criteria introducing a new level of quality, accountability and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. CAMMIE QUINN

Children ages 3 to 5 years take part in "red day" Sept. 9 at the Child Development Center by showing their classmates what red toy they brought. The CDC has recently earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

The NAEYC accredita-

tion system was created to set professional standards for early childhood education and to help families identify high-quality

preschools, child care centers and other early education programs.

(Courtesy of the Pope Child Development Center)



2ND LT. CAMMIE QUINN

CES on the Job

Tech. Sgt. William Sharrow, 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron, adds refrigerant to the air conditioning unit outside building 313 Aug. 31. Sergeant Sharrow has been at Pope for six years and has worked on almost every machine on base. The mission of the 43rd CES is to plan and execute multi-million dollar acquisition programs in support of the 43rd Airlift Wing and the base's tenant units. The squadron creates, sustains and protects combat capability by acquiring construction, services and commodities through streamlined procedures. The squadron also ensures mission accomplishment by providing superior business direction. The 43rd CES provides global support for the Air Force and joint contracting taskings to both build-up and sustain contingency operations.

NCO receives Airman Medal

Tinker Air Force Base Sergeant honored for lifesaving action

By Howdy Stout
72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

9/9/2009 - TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — A Tinker Air Force NCO received the Airman’s Medal in September for the actions he and two friends did to rescue a group of drowning college exchange students in 2007.

Staff Sgt. Chris Harlan of the 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron earned the Airman’s Medal for heroism involving the voluntary risk of life outside of combat.

Sergeant Harlan said he remembers the day well, as he and his friends were on a weekend fishing trip.

“On the way home we stopped off at Turner Falls,” Sergeant Harlan said. Then an airman, he and two friends were returning from their Columbus Day weekend fishing trip when he decided to stop at the fall to show his friends some of Oklahoma’s scenic beauty.

He noticed five students, all exchange students from India attending Oklahoma City University, wading into the water. But when one slipped into deeper water, the others were dragged in. None could swim.

“We got over there as quickly as possible,” Sergeant Harlan said. “The first thought

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— Staff Sgt. Chris Harlan
965th Airborne Air Control Squadron

is, of course, nobody is drowning. But that lasted a millisecond.”

Disregarding their own safety — and the frigid water — Sergeant Harlan and his friends dove to the rescue. Within minutes they managed to pull four of the five students from the water. Sergeant Harlan organized bystanders to help search and to call for

help.

Ignoring the cold and becoming increasingly tired, Sergeant Harlan continued searching for the fifth student for another 30 minutes until the police arrived.

“We never found the guy,” he said. It took rescue divers another 30 minutes to find the missing student. The survivors were hustled off for medical

examinations while Sergeant Harlan and his friends recovered.

“I was exhausted,” he said. “I felt like I had sprinted several miles.”

Sergeant Harlan met the students again during a Hindu Diwali ceremony, where they thanked him for his heroism.

“It was very touching,” said his wife, Staff Sgt. Rachel Harlan. “He didn’t even know their names until then. It wasn’t until then that we met

them.”

Sergeant Harlan said the day at Turner Falls illustrated how tenuous life can be. It has made him cherish his own family more.

“Within five minutes of showing up there, somebody lost their life. Things can change fast,” he said. “It just makes you appreciate what you have. A lot of people experience loss and tragedy, but people forget how quickly you can lose a loved one.”

Deadlines

The deadline for all new material, stories and pictures to be considered for publication is noon, Friday the week before publication.

Submissions can be sent to the 43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office at 5453 Reilly Street, Pope AFB, N.C., 28308, e-mailed to carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil or faxed to 394-4266.

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Sunday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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315 Ethridge Street

☐ 394-2677

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For bible studies call the chapel

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Sunday, 8 a.m. except second Sundays

Contemporary service:

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m. the second Sunday of each month with potluck following services

Sunday school (all ages):

10 a.m. at Pope Elementary School

Catholic services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

RCIA: Contact 394-1856

CDD: 11:15 a.m. at Pope Elementary School

Services offered at Fort Bragg

Catholic service:

JFK Chapel, Ardennes Street, Saturday at 5 p.m. Confessions at 4 p.m.

Muslim or Orthodox Christian services:

Call the Fort Bragg Chapel at 396-1121.

Officers' Christian Fellowship:

Bible study on leadership, Wednesday at 6 a.m.

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Movies

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Armistead, Pope

Tonight: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) 7 p.m.

Saturday: Aliens In the Attic (PG) 4 p.m.; Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (PG) 7 p.m.

Sunday: G-Force (PG-13) (PG) 4 p.m.; Funny People (R) 7 p.m.

(Courtesy of www.aafes.com)

Movie Corner: The Time Travelers Wife



By 2nd Lt. Cammie Quinn
Editor

Just to get it out of the way, yes, I cried. "The Time Traveler's Wife" was a movie about love, without crossing the lines into a sappy love story. The movie, while emotional and touching, didn't have that try-hard feel, allowing the audience to grow empathy for the characters.

In the movie, Clare, played by Rachel McAdams, is in love with a person who, quite literally, appeared to her from out of the bushes. As a young child, Clare spends her afternoons in a meadow near her house. It is there that she meets Henry, played by Eric Bana. He explains to Clare that he travels through time uncontrollably and can, at any given time, disappear into thin air and appear across the world, but without clothes. Reluctantly, Clare befriends Henry who quickly becomes her best friend. As Clare gets older, the relationship develops into a romance and the two marry.

"The Time Traveler's Wife" makes no effort to go into a lengthy explanation of Henry's dis-

order, including how he can appear at two places at once. This lack of background information leaves the audience feeling a bit confused at first. It was somewhat distracting to question the likelihood of time travel as well as the family's unquestioning acceptance of it, but the confusion wears off about 30 minutes into the movie.

The spotlight is on Clare and her life as the wife of a time traveler — including all the pitfalls and aggravation of having a husband who, by no fault of his own, disappears for weeks at a time.

Again, the movie was a tear jerker, but more than that, it makes for an interesting and entertaining story, which keeps the audience guessing — is Henry going to stick around for the wedding, where will he show up next, and what, if anything, can he disclose to Clare about their new daughter? This movie didn't blow me away; the acting could have been better and a few loose ends could have been tied. However, it wasn't horrible and I definitely would recommend watching it.

